

14. BOARD FUNDED TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS 2000/2001

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The purpose of this report is to provide information of the outcome of the consultation process with respect to three projects being funded by the Board and to seek advancement to construction of two of these.

PEER STREET AT VILLA MARIA COLLEGE

Fourteen submissions received. All agree with the concept of improving pedestrian safety in this location. Three suggested that the proposed island is in the wrong position.

The location of the island has been carefully chosen to reflect the desire lines of pedestrians. There is little scope for locating it anywhere else due to conflicts with private driveways and manoeuvre areas.

Comments

"I suggest that the proposed island be sited 10 – 15 metres further north than the plan suggests so it's not so close to the Bowen Street intersection where it is likely to interfere with traffic flow and right turns" 76 Peer Street

"The pedestrian island must be long enough to prevent right hand turns from Bowen Street to Peer Street and right hand turns from Peer Street into Villa Drive. Prefer a pedestrian activated traffic light"

"The island should be sited on the south side of Bowen Street so it will only affect parking at number 20 Peer Street or if the proposed plan goes ahead the no parking should only be from 8 – 9am and 3 – 4pm" 30a Peer Street

"Trying to turn right from Bowen Street is difficult enough at present, I feel the island should be on the other side of the Bowen Street intersection" 24b Bowen Street

"Absolutely needed but we think the yellow lines should be extended, on the west side of Peer Street they should start outside number 31, on the east side to number 18 and on Bowen Street to number 36" 80 Peer Street and 42 Athol Terrace

"We approve of the plan provided we can still turn right from Bowen Street to Peer Street and turn right from Peer Street to Bowen Street" 38 Bowen Street

"We think the pedestrian island on Peer Street is a very good idea as long as it wont make turning right from Bowen Street into Peer Street difficult" 20 Bowen Street

"I feel the proposed changes would improve road safety for cyclists and pedestrians" 34a Peer Street

"I support the provision of an island in Peer Street"

"The sooner the Council constructs the island the better"

"Anything to improve safety I agree with" 18b Peer Street

"Good idea" 32b Bowen Street

"I agree with the proposed plan" 36 Bowen Street

The Road Safety at Schools Co-ordinating Committee (RSSCC) have become involved in the issue of children's safety in this location. I have been very recently advised that funding has been secured in the 2001/2002 financial year for pedestrian traffic signals. This, in my view, is a vastly superior facility in terms of pedestrian safety, particularly in this location. The proposed traffic island would require removal and/or significant alteration when the signals are installed. To this end it seems inefficient to proceed with this when the benefits will have a maximum life of 12 months prior to traffic signal installation. The RSSCC have requested that the Board give consideration to contributing to the cost of traffic signals from the funding for the island should the Board wish not to proceed with the island. The island has an estimated cost of \$6,000 including design and supervision.

PIKO CRESCENT AT PLUNKET

Eleven submissions received. All agree with the concept of reducing vehicle speeds, however most have commented on the need to address the same problem in nearby streets and additional restraints in Piko Crescent itself.

Given the current moratorium on speed humps and the amount of funding available it is not possible to construct additional treatments. However additional warning signs may be appropriate and this will be investigated and if necessary included in the project.

Comments

"We totally endorse the proposed platform but strongly urge the addition of 2 speed humps to slow traffic before they reach the platform"

"The pedestrian platform would be a very practical addition to the street scene"

"Do it, dangerous bend"

"Great idea" 14 Euston Street

"I applaud your concern at excess speed in Piko Crescent"

"Suggest two "slow down" signs, one on the corner of Paeroa Street and the outside 15 Piko Crescent"

"Yes but we also want one on Paeroa Crescent because the traffic speeds around that corner" 3 Paeroa Street

"Yes but would also like platforms/speed humps at the entrance and exit to Piko Crescent by Peverel Street"

"Good idea but would like warning signs before the platform as well as directly adjacent to, would also like a speed hump at each side of the platform"

"I am in favour of anything which would slow down the traffic but I'm concerned they will start using Peverel Street instead" 157 Peverel Street

WALES STREET AT KINDERGARTEN

Fifteen submissions received. Thirteen in favour two opposed. One submission in opposition has commented that speed is not a problem it is more a carparking issue that could be overcome by staggering the drop off and pick up times. The other considers this is a waste of money and that a zebra crossing would suffice.

Many suggested additional speed humps before and after the proposed platform.

Given the current moratorium on speed humps and the amount of funding available it is not possible to construct additional treatments. However additional warning signs may be appropriate and this will be investigated and if necessary included in the project.

Comments

"No raised platform, waste of money. Zebra Crossing would be better and ban double parking to pick up children"

"I don't think speed is the problem, stop them parking on the yellow lines and stage the drop off and pick up times at the Kindergarten – less cars, less problem"

"Would prefer to see two shallow ramps at either side of proposed platform to slow traffic before reaching the kindergarten" 138 Wales Street

"It would be better to have a speed hump before and after the Kindergarten, this would make the humps more visible before the bends"

"The platform is too late to stop speeding cars, suggest one each side of the kindergarten or "slow 15km"

"I welcome anything that has a speed calming effect. Due to lack of visibility from the Patterson Terrace end is it possible to move it closer to the southern boundary of the kindergarten or put in two more of these platforms" 137 Wales Street

"We think this is a great idea, we envisaged 2 platforms at either side on the Kindergarten entrance but this plan would be our next option" 134 Wales Street

"Good plan, additional speed humps in Oldham Crescent would be good"

"Excellent idea – Wales Street needs more of these platforms between Oakridge and Dunbars Road"

"A good solution to the problem, better idea than speed humps" 54 Santa Rosa Avenue

"This is an excellent idea"

"An excellent idea, should have been done a long time ago" 159 Wales Street

"Go for it"

"In favour" 11 Oldham Crescent

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Piko Crescent and Wales Street projects proceed to the construction stage.
 2. That the Peer Street project be discontinued and the associated funding be made available to contribute towards the proposed traffic signals in the 2001/2002 financial year.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Officer's recommendations be adopted.